

Cheriton 28 of July, 1658.

VHereas wee of the Mineral grand Jury finding by a
decretal Order of our Predecessors May 28, and
their Letter May 2 in answer of *Tho. Busbell's* Esq; to iacou-
rage him to go on in his adventures for recovering the drown-
ed works of *Rompits*, which were formerly the deserted
works of Sir *Bevil Bulmar* in the time of Q. *Eliz.* Reign.
And whereas many of the chief Adventurers in the said *Rom-
pits*, do and have consented to surrendar not only the one
half of their works and Mines there, but likewise the pre-
emption of the other half, paying as much as any other Mer-
chant will give, unto the said *Tho. Busbell* and his Assigns,
when the said *Tho. Busbell* doth make it appear unto the Mine-
rall Court for the time being, that by his and their workman-
ship they be freed from the inundation of their waters. Wee
of the grand Jury do Order and confirm the said Decree.
And whereas wee find the said *Tho. Busbell* hath (in relation
to his undertakings of recovering their waters) brought it
so near a probability of perfection, that in time all persons
of known Judgement cannot but conclude the same will be
done for the general good of those that had formerly suffered
by those Grooves, and likewise a presidenc for others to follow
the like example, as also the certainty of knowing the vast
riches that lie in *Rompits* and *Green Oare*. And whereas wee
are informed by the said *Tho. Busbell* and others, of several
misdemeanors committed against him by turning floods into
his Swallow, to choak and extirpate all his proceed-
ings, stealing of his tooles from his works, depraving of
his Person with scandalous language, and making new pitches
in *Rompits* before him, so soon as they saw the forefield of
Mr. Busbell's Drift from his Swallow had but a vein of ground
Oare, 4 foot wide, and 3 fathom high to cherish his
chargeable undertakings, which uncivil actions of theirs
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were as we conceive contrary to all equity and good conscience ; and in a manner of Tyranny it is, that Mr. Busbell should drain our waters ; and wee should suffer strangers to take the benefit of new pitches from his adventures, to recover such drowned and forsaken works as the greatest Engineer hath deserted, when all persons have the whole Hill of Menap to make their fortunes by such pitches, as he aliedgeth, and not to discourage his desperate undertakings therein by such malitious practices, and especially to fetch a person as Mr. Busbell. It is sent by his Highness the Lord Protector, to recover such drowned and deserted works for the publick good of the Nation, with power to dig, delve, and search in the several grounds of all his Territories by Letters Patents, paying double trespass, aswell as in all waste Commons, upon hopes from such experiments to ease in time the Taxes of the Subject, and to give new birth to the drooping condition of a Miners profession ; Wee of the grand Jury of Cheshire and other Workmasters and Miners, for the reasons aforesaid, and for preventing any just complaints to the Lord Paramount against our Lord Royall's Court of Cheshire for such malicities to the person which his Highness hath trusted in that affair, do Order and make this Decree (for the said Tho. Busbell's better encouragement) That from the day of the date of the Order May 28, all such new pitches shall be void in Roposity and Green ore, but such as the said Tho. Busbell shall approve and allow of ; and that all former works that have been wrought upon within these 5 years, and sunk 5 fathom deep, to stand good by consent, provided that they keep them lawful, and sink them to the water, when the said Tho. Busbell is come near them with his Drift of 16 fathom deep, by the approbation of this grand Jury, that so the wilfulness of any malitious person might not hinder such a proceed to know the Meanders of those Mineral Rakes in their deeper search, and the way to go to their recoveries, for their own good aswell as Mr. Busbell's reputation in the attempt of that great design. And whereas the

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said *The. Bushell* doth aver, that he never did intend to make
 it a Mine-Royall by his Art and Skill; to the prejudice of
 us, our Laws and Liberties) as it was reported, unless it
 were against the interest of some croſs-grain'd scurilous fel-
 low, that will not be governed by our own grand Jury, but
 rather contest with his Highness right to *Romps*, and bids
 defiance to prerogative Power, or are back'd by a malitious
 faction that would hinder the growth of the Lord Chancellor
Bacons Philosophy in recovering the same for the glory of the
 Nation these considerations, and at our request to
 him upon the aforesaid agreement that he would shew his
 quondam *Mallett's* Philosophy for recovering *Romps* and
 Green care from their inundations of water, which is well
 known to us to be rich in the treasures of Ledd, and to free
 other works of greater moment from their contagious damps,
 that now lie deserted, on purpose that the overplus of their
 revenew, proceeding from such a deplorable condition, and
 raised by the hand of Providence and Indastry, might go
 (as Mr. *Bushell* did likewise aver, upon the word of a Gen-
 tleman) to charitable uses of discovering richer Mettals
 exprest in his late Remonigrance to his Highness, as well as
 by his late Will and Testament, for the first fruits ther eof to
 ledd the Tower and Schoole in the Church of *Wells*. Wee
 of the grand Jury do likewise make this Order and Decree,
 That if any misdemeanor as aforesaid, shall be proved to be
 done against the said *The. Bushell*, his Agents, Servants, or
 works, such are not only to be banished the occupation upon
Mendip, but wee do humbly implore his Highness to send
 them to the Mines of *Jamaica*, that they may not
 infect others, nor bring by their exorbitant corſes more
 feandall upon the whole profession of a *Miners* innocens
 calling; ſince we are ſatisfied in our conſciences, that the
 way of *Mr. Bushell's* Mineral proceedings, will in this Age
 bring wonderfull things to pafs, and be admired in the next,
 for the glory of the Nation, And especially when as the ſaid
The. Bushell doth aver that he wil tranport all his rich Western
 Mines,

Mines, lying upon the Sea-side, which are or shall be discovered in *Wales, Devon, Cornwall and Ireland*, unto the Port or Haven at *Uphill*, to receive their true separations according to the Lord Chancellor *Bacons Philosophy*, and so to be minded in the adjacent City of *Wells* for satisfying all returns aforesaid to pay the Miner with his own Coyn, and (without any further salary then in one place) to pay the whole of that Commerce.

<i>Geo. Radford Esq;</i>	<i>Richard Franke,</i>	<i>Alexander Carr.</i>
man of the Mineral	<i>Richard Adams.</i>	<i>William Hopkins</i>
Grand Jury there,	<i>Fabn Phelps.</i>	<i>Jonas Lexbord.</i>
with his fellows.	<i>Thomas Young.</i>	<i>John House.</i>
<i>Walter Webb.</i>	<i>William Downing.</i>	<i>Richard Ayre.</i>

